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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF SHORT-TERM IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCE: (A) ANKARA 1872 (B) ANKARA 2072

1. EXIMBANK APPRECIATES RECEIVING REGULATIONS ON FINANCING OF IMPORTS THROUGH ACCEPTANCE CREDITS.
2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FURTHER ASSISTANCE ON QUESTIONS REGARDING TURKISH REGULATIONS COVERING SHORT-TERM TRANSACTIONS WHERE TERMS ARE CASH AGAINST DOCUMENTS OR UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGHT DRAFTS. DURING FEBRUARY VISIT BY EXIMBANK'S LAROCHE TO CENTRAL BANK WITH HICYILMAZ, THE LATTER STATED THAT FOR TURKISH IMPORTS APPEARING ON A SPECIFIED LIST, THE PAYMENT DRAFTS ARE FRANKED BY THE CENTRAL BANK AND THEN BECOME A DIRECT GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION, WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.

3. COULD EMBASSY PLEASE (A) FORWARD COPY OF THIS LIST;
(B) DETERMINE WHAT DOCUMENT THE CENTRAL BANK FRANKS,

(C) DETERMINE IF SUCH FRANKING IS, IN FACT, A LEGAL OBLIGATION ON THE GOVERNMENT TO ,AY IN THE REQUIRED FOREIGN EXCHANGE. DOES THE CENTRAL BANK, RATHER THAN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THIS ACTION.

4. PERHAPS, THE CENTRAL BANK OFFICIAL WAS REFERRING TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN IMPORT LICENSE BY THE CENTRAL BANK AND THE ALLOCATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, WHEN AND IF AVAILA-
BLE, TO SATISFY PAYMENT. IF SO, THIS WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A BINDING OBLIGATION.
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